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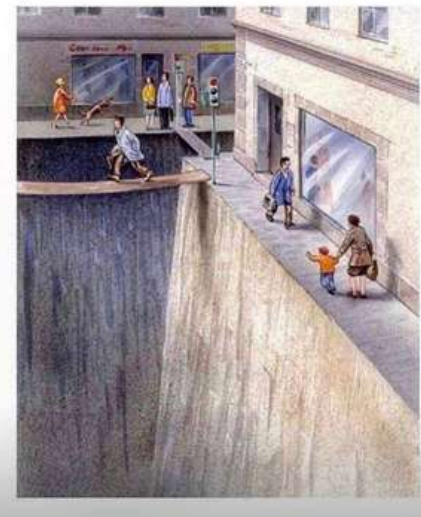
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### Photograph Of The Month

A brilliant illustration of how much public space we've surrendered to cars



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### September Schedule

Day	Activity
03/09/2023	<u>Nature Walk</u>
17/09/2023	<u>Nature Awareness Quiz</u>
24/08/2023	<u>Treasure Hunt</u>

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### Mememes of the Month



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Eat more fruits, send us your seeds and we will plant a tree for you.

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## Nature Talks Podcast

Let's Talk About Nature!

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[Dr. Vivek on Alien and Native Species in Aravali](#)



[Earth Helpers on Deer park, Tree Plantation and Guerilla Gardening](#)

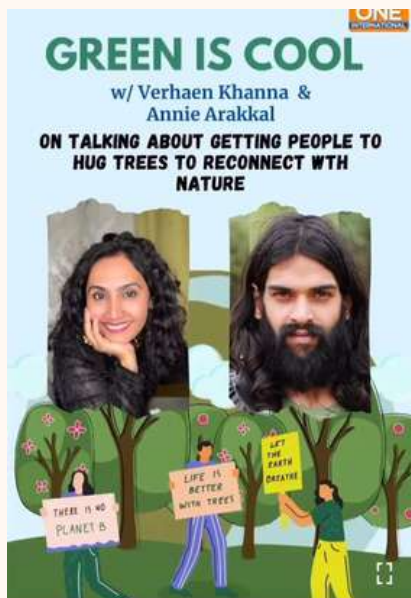


[Aysha and Pragya on Natural Super Disasters](#)



[Victor Opiyo Okello, We Forest International, on Trees with Value in Kenya](#)

## Making Waves On Air



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Last month, the founder of NDNS was featured on prominent radio channels, Radio One 94.3 and Big FM 92.7, discussing the organization's impactful work in nature conservation. The conversations highlighted the profound influence of simple acts, like embracing a tree, in fostering a stronger connection with nature and a dedicated commitment to tree preservation. NDNS's month-long workshop series stood out, culminating in the impressive planting of almost 1000 trees, a collaborative achievement spanning various age groups. Beyond ecological benefits like improved air quality, the talks emphasized the notable appreciation in property value resulting from these tree-planting endeavors.

Conversations also revolved around strategies to counter environmental degradation, promoting shifts away from polluting activities toward practices like terrace gardening for a more balanced lifestyle. The discourse covered recent deforestation trends and the pressing need for reversal, alongside innovative approaches to efficiently manage waste, transforming it into valuable resources such as organic fertilizers and upcycled products. Ultimately, the interviews resonated a clear message: safeguarding nature, our shared home, is a fundamental duty, crucial for a healthy and serene life.

## Connecting Future Leaders With Nature



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One sunny morning, the NDNS team led students from Modern School Vasant Vihar on an engaging nature walk and tree plantation event at Tughlakabad Biodiversity Park. Dr. Vivek, the park's leading Scientist, welcomed the students, offering an introduction to the park and providing them with NDNS Delhi-birds field guides.

Guided by Dr. Vivek, the students discovered the importance of biodiversity and the intricate role each organism plays in ecological balance. The park transformed into a living classroom, showcasing native flora, towering trees, insects, and diverse bird species. Some students even used the bird field guide to identify these birds, while also learning about the park's natural water treatment processes.

Following the walk, the students eagerly participated in tree planting with native saplings, actively contributing to conservation efforts. Such events, involving students as nature's future stewards, foster a sense of responsibility for the environment and its preservation.





### Fireflies



#### Video

As the sun dips below the horizon, the NDNS team unveils an enchanting spectacle in the heart of India's bustling capital: the Firefly Workshop.

Imagine this: every monsoon weekend, NDNS hosts a Fireflies Workshop along the hidden trails of Hauz Khas. In just an hour's stroll, you'll be treated to the mesmerizing dance of these mystical insects - a rare and dazzling display you won't find everywhere. But here's the thing - this isn't just about pretty lights. It's a gentle nudge to remember how crucial it is to protect these delicate ecosystems as urban life surges ahead. Light pollution is dimming nature's own light show. To keep those fireflies glowing, let's kick out the pesticides from our backyards, let native trees and vibrant flowers take root, and create cozy homes for these tiny wonders.

In Delhi, fireflies are like nature's hidden treasures amidst the towering buildings. They sprinkle a dash of enchantment in our city of skyscrapers.

As the curtain falls on this year's monsoon and our fireflies workshop, let's catch up again soon. Join us this winter as we uncover the magic of Delhi's green havens once more. Let's light up not just our city, but also the spark of environmental care within us.



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## Discussion on "C20: Role of Health Professionals and Civil Society in reducing Air Pollution and building Climate Resilience"



On Thursday, 03.08.2023, CAN South Asia hosted an event in collaboration with Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, Health Care Without Harm, Lung Care Foundation, EnGIO and Warrior Moms, with the blessings and guidance of Sri Mata Amritanandamayi Devi, C20 Chair - under the Civil 20 Working Group on "Sustainable and Resilient Communities - Climate, Environment and Net Zero Targets" discussing the "C20: Role of Health Professionals and Civil Society in reducing Air Pollution and building Climate Resilience."

The speakers who attended the event addressed the adverse condition of air pollution, the pollutants that we breathe in, and how harmful it is for the citizens.

We addressed the audience by telling them the importance of trees, how the authorities can improve the functioning of the helplines, and how concretization of trees has still not been removed.

Dr. Sonali Vaid maintained a thread throughout the event pointing down the key points of each speaker, and highlighting their point of view.

Warrior Moms have shared a thread on Twitter comprising the short videos of some of the speakers.

**Dr. Sonali Vaid's  
Thread**

**Warrior Mom's  
Thread**

### A Glimpse of Events Of The Month

#### Farm Visit



Participants enjoyed the farming experience with New Delhi Nature Society at Green Vibes Farm.

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#### NATURE SENSE-SCAPE



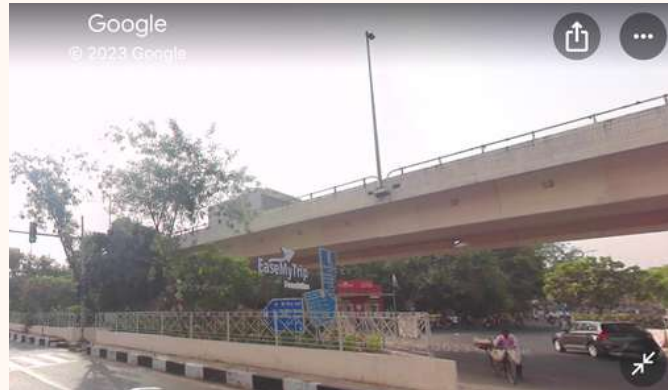
Participants embraced the scenic beauty of nature with New Delhi Nature Society at Sanjay Van.

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## Tree Felling at Savitri Flyover

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As pollution thickens, breathing becomes a struggle. Frequent heat waves leave both us and birds seeking scarce shelter. Each rain brings flash flood warnings.

Amidst these challenges, one question looms: How can we confront these dramatic climate shifts without the pivotal solution right in front of us - trees? Trees serve as carbon sinks, absorbing pollutants. They're nature's air conditioners, offering shade for all, humans and birds alike, in the scorching heat. Trees anchor groundwater, curbing flash floods.

Ironically, even in the nation's pollution hub, authorities are ordering roadside tree removals. Haven't this year's heatwaves and floods imparted lessons? When will understanding dawn? What are we waiting for? How will we breathe fresh air if we sever its source? It's time to act.



### Media Coverage



Citizen Matters  
Delhi Deer Park Closure:  
Be Dear to Deer

### Saving Fallen Trees

We saved this fallen tree in its original spot last year, and now it is doing really well.



### Dechocking The Concretised Trees

Update from Panchsheel







Below are a few tweets from the month of May about important nature-related stories from our @NDN\_HQ page. Please click on the links to open the tweets and learn more about these fascinating topics. Our Twitter page is a great way to stay up-to-date with the latest news and events related to nature and conservation, so be sure to follow us for more updates!

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Bat Species Gone Missing in Delhi

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Trees Felled, Land Cleared in Raisaina Hills

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How is Delhi Gonna Get Clean Air

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Why Can't DDA Acquire Land To Plant Trees

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3 Hectares of Forest Land Cleared

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Transforming a Park at Bhalswa For 77 Independence Day

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Forest Fires in Houston.

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Flash Floods and Landslides in Himachal Pradesh

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Meteors Showers, Nature's Fireworks

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Massive Forest Destruction in Rajasthan

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### FOREST BILL

A Forest isn't just a collection of trees, it's a tapestry of life that weaves together ecosystems, cultures, and generations. Forests are known for the valuable goods and services that they provide to mankind and the environment including raw materials, timber, food, carbon capture, oxygen, and much more.

To safeguard the existing forest from over-exploitation, the government in the 1970s introduced the forest act, which empowers the government to classify forests into reserved forests, village forests, protected forests, and other similar categories for their usage and also to regulate and check the illegal cutting down of trees for the raw materials like timber.



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### Interns of the Month



Ms. Shreya Barnwal



Ms. Aysha Wamiq



Ms. Pragya Yadav



Ms. Nandini Goswami



## Be Dear To Deer

The spotlight has shifted to Deer Park in Hauz Khas, where an intriguing question has arisen: Who's removing the deer from Deer Park? Recent reports have brought to light a significant change that's raising eyebrows - the proposed relocation of over 600 deer by the Central Zoo Authority (CZA). This move would essentially strip the park of its defining feature and reputation as a haven for these graceful creatures. The reasoning behind this decision points to alleged overpopulation, mismanagement under the DDA, and space constraints.

At first glance, the notion of transferring the deer to a more expansive area, allowing them to roam within their natural ecosystem, might seem reasonable. However, delving deeper, it's essential to assess whether this shift truly serves the best interests of the deer or if it's simply a way for authorities to offload their responsibilities. The situation prompts a careful consideration of what's genuinely in the best interest of these animals and the integrity of the park's legacy.



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Account number: 918020010738403

IFSC: UTIB0001326

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### De-Choke Trees

The Hon'ble National Green Tribunal in its order dated 23rd April 2013 has directed all Public Authorities to ensure that all the sign boards, names, advertisements, any kind of boards or signage's, electric wires and high tension cables or otherwise are removed from the trees.

They shall also ensure that the concrete surrounding the trees within one meter of the trees are removed and all the trees are looked after well and due precaution is taken in future so that no concrete or construction or repairing work is done at least within one meter radius of the trunk of trees.

**NAILS, WIRES (10,000 RS. FINE).**

**NGT ORDER FOR DE-CHOKING TREES**

**DELHI PRESERVATION OF TREES ACT**



For queries regarding CSR, please contact New Delhi Nature Society at [info@ndns.in](mailto:info@ndns.in)

### SOS NUMBERS (TREES AND ANIMALS)

- NDNS - 9711115666
- Wildlife Rescue - 9810129698, 9810639698
- People For Animals - 011 23719293 / 9294.
- For Cows - Dhyan Foundation - 9999099423

### A TREE IS BEING CUT?

- Click pictures
- Tell them to stop immediately
- Ask them to show the Forest Department permission.
- No permission, then Call 100 and wait till help arrives.
- Report the matter on the Green Helpline 1800118600
- Write a letter to the Forest Department
- If they do have permission, then take the supervisor's details who must be present there and contact the Forest Department .

### FOREST DEPARTMENT

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